

For a station or network which enjoys free use of public airwaves to air an extremely one-sided (not to say utterly dishonest and slanderous) program in a direct effort to influence an election is a violation of the public trust. I refer, of course, to Sinclair Group's directive to their stations to run a documentary smearing the Democratic candidate for President, John Kerry.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.